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Allowable Nailing for Plywood,
Particleboard Horizontal Diaphragms
and Shear Walls

Interpretations of State and Local Building Codes
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I. Nailing for Horizontal Diaphragms

Table Numbers 23-I-J-1 and 23-I-J-2 of the Uniform Building Code require that all horizontal plywood and particleboard diaphragms be nailed with common wire nails. This must be clearly indicated on the plans where applicable.

II. Nailing for Shear Walls

Table Numbers 23-I-K-1 and 23-I-K-2 indicate that plywood or particleboard shear walls may be nailed with either common wire or galvanized box nails. This must be clearly indicated on the plans where applicable.